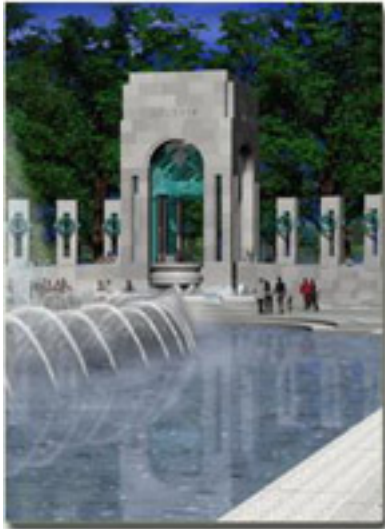


# World War II Honoree

 Killed in World War II 



## JOHN PRESTON COX

BRANCH OF SERVICE  
**U.S. Army Air Forces**

HOMETOWN  
**SILVER SPRINGS, MD**

HONORED BY  
**Jack Cook, HISTORIAN**



### ACTIVITY DURING WWII

FLEW P-40S AND P-38S FROM GUADALCANAL W/THE 44TH, 18TH. SCORED 2 KILLS AND RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, PURPLE HEART AND 7 AIR MEDALS. HE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER RABAU ON DECEMBER 25, 1943 AND DECLARED KILLED IN ACTION. WAS ACTUALLY CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE AND HELD ON RABAU UNTIL TURNED OVER TO THE KEMPEI TAI. HE WAS EXECUTED IN MARCH 1944.